



48. The optical element of claim 41 wherein the optical element is an optical lens. RECEIVED

49. The optical element of claim 42 wherein the optical element is an optical lens.

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REMARKS CONCERNING THE AMENDMENTS

Antecedent basis for the above new claims may be found generally in the specification and, for example, as follows:

Claim 36 - Original claim 1; page 6, line 25 through page 7, line 4; page 8, lines 12-14.

The remaining claims either limit the claims to individual members of the Markush group in Claim 36 (polarizing layer and photochromic layer), specifically identify the element as useful for eye-wear, or limits the resinous layers to polycarbonate (originally disclosed in claim 2; and page 18, lines 3-16).

CONCLUSION

The above amendments have been made in an effort to place the Application in condition for allowance and to more clearly define the present invention and narrower embodiments of the invention.

Applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance and request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the below-signed attorney at 952-832-9090 to discuss any questions that may remain with respect to the present application.



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